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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR

### COLOMBIA.

*Report from Bocas del Toro (fruit port)—Further concerning the case of yellow fever reported October 3.*

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *October 31, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith report for the past eleven days ended October 31, 1900. The following vessels were inspected and cleared from this port for ports in the United States during the said period of time: October 23, steamship *Adler*, British; Reid, master; crew, 26; no passengers; cargo, none; for New York via Port Limon, Costa Rica. October 24, steamship *Bodo*, Norwegian; Jullum, master; crew, 15; no passengers; cargo, fruit; for Mobile, Ala. October 26, steamship *Holstein*, German; Mayerhof, master; crew, 21; no passengers; cargo, fruit; for Baltimore, Md. October 28, steamship *Yumuri*, Norwegian; Bos, master; crew, 16; no passengers; cargo, fruit; for Mobile, Ala. October 29, steamship *George Dumois*, Norwegian; Jentoft, master; crew, 17; no passengers; cargo, fruit; for Mobile, Ala. October 30, steamship *Tyr*, Danish; Funder, master, crew, 17; no passengers; cargo, fruit; for Mobile, Ala.

There have been 4 deaths in the town of Bocas del Toro during the past eleven days; namely, an Indian boy, cause unknown; a Chinese youth, about 17 years of age, from remittent fever; a colored female, from puerperal septicæmia; and a native male child, from cerebral meningitis.

The general health of the town and surroundings is fairly good, and from the present outlook, the focus of infection has apparently been restricted to the premises now infected with yellow fever. Reference is here made to the case of R. Lee Byrd, reported by cablegram to the Bureau, October 21, 1900.

To-day being the fourteenth of his illness, and the condition being very favorable, it is proposed to carefully remove him to another room, and to disinfect the room vacated with all its contents.

This case has progressed most favorably. Clinical chart of pulse and temperature in this case, up to this date, is herewith inclosed.

Respectfully,

WM. H. CARSON,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

### COSTA RICA.

*Reports from Port Limon—Fruit port—A death from yellow fever on steamship Adler at Port Limon and 1 case in the town.*

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *November 4, 1900.*

SIR: On October 31 I cabled you that steamer *Adler*, twenty-five hours out of Bocas, captain developed yellow fever. This vessel left Bocas del

Toro, Colombia, on October 24 at 7 p. m., arrived at Port Limon, October 25 at 8 a. m. She was immediately placed in quarantine here as she had a foul bill of health from Bocas. She had absolutely no connection with the shore here.

The captain first sent for me on October 28, at 11.30 a. m., and according to his statement, he was taken with a chill at 8 p. m., October 25. I found him with a very high fever; also, found a trace of albumen. The next day I called Dr. Aguilar, the port physician, in consultation, and the following day Dr. Steggall. They all agreed with me as to the diagnosis. The captain died November 1, at 8.30 a. m. Inclosed find a chart of his illness. Yesterday the *Adler* was disinfected by the local authorities.

I will shortly forward you a chart of the case of yellow fever in Port Limon. This patient is on the second floor of the United Fruit Company's hospital, and is there isolated. Drs. Steggall, Aguilar, and myself agreed as to the diagnosis of this case.

Respectfully,

J. GREY THOMAS,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, November 4, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for week ended November 3, 1900. The following vessels have cleared from this port:

Date.	Vessel.	Master.	No. of crew.	Destination.	Number of passengers.	Number pieces baggage disinfected.
Oct. 28	Steamship Alabama .....	Severtsan .....	17	New Orleans, La.....	0	0
Oct. 29	Steamship Alene.....	Long .....	38	New York.....	.....	.....
Oct. 31	Steamship Beverly.....	Israel.....	37	New Orleans, La.....	0	0
Nov. 2	Steamship Hispania .....	Frockberg.....	21	.....do.....	0	0
Nov. 3	Steamship Kitty .....	Mortansen .....	19	Mobile, Ala.....	0	0

One case of yellow fever in the city and 1 death in the shipping, on steamship *Adler*. I reported both of these cases by cable. Two deaths in Port Limon during the week as follows: October 31, an adult, 39 years of age, from peritonitis, and November 1, an adult, 28 years of age, from cerebral congestion.

Respectfully,

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CUBA.

*Report from Havana.*

HAVANA, CUBA, November 5, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended November 3, 1900: Thirteen deaths from yellow fever were reported for the week. The Spanish consul, who was reported some weeks ago as ill with yellow fever, died on the 2d instant, having suffered a relapse. Travel to this port has greatly increased during the past seven days. The steamship *Havana*, which arrived here on